

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A combination of bicycle rim and spokes, comprising:

a rim having a plurality of elongate slots and each elongate slot composed of a first diameter portion and a second diameter portion which is smaller than the first diameter portion;

a tube having a flange on a first end thereof and a passage defined longitudinally through the tube, the tube inserted in each of the elongate slots and the flange engaged with an inside of the rim, the tube having a threaded outer periphery;

a core piece inserted through the passage of the tube and having an enlarged head at a first end of the core piece, the enlarged head engaged with the first end of the tube, a threaded inner periphery defined in the core piece and an end of a spoke being inserted in the core piece from a second end of the core piece and being threadedly engaged with the threaded inner periphery in the core piece, and

a cover member having a threaded hole defined therethrough which is threadedly connected to the threaded outer periphery of the tube, a protrusion extending from a side of the cover member and being engaged with the first diameter portion of each elongate slot while the tube is shifted to the second diameter portion, the cover member connected to an outside of the rim and covering up each elongate slot.

2. The combination as claimed in claim 1, wherein a second end of the tube is a polygonal outer periphery.

3. The combination as claimed in claim 1, wherein a flange extends radially outward from a distal end of the protrusion and is engaged with an inside of the rim and along a periphery of the first diameter portion of each elongate slot.